

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 7, 2013 MEETING
OF THE
WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT REVIEW BOARD**

Appointed Members in Attendance

Robert Ballou, Chairperson, Iowa Soybean Association
Dave Coppess, Agribusiness Association of Iowa
Jim Gillespie, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (arrived at 11:28 a.m.)
Larry Gullett, Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards
Susan Heathcote, Iowa Environmental Council (left at 11:46 a.m. and returned at 1:19 p.m.)
Steve Hopkins, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Carol Sweeting, Iowa Association of Water Agencies
Lisa Walters, Iowa Rural Water Association
Jane Weber, Conservation Districts of Iowa (arrived at 10:15 a.m.; left at 10:22 a.m.; returned at 11:28 a.m.)

Appointed Members Absent

Larry Alliger, Iowa Farm Bureau
Dennis Black, State Senator
David Johnson, State Senator
Carrie Keppy, Iowa Pork Producers
Jarad Klein, State Representative
Todd Prichard, State Representative

Staff and Guests

Tom Hadden, Growing Green Communities
Mike Fairchild, Iowa Environmental Council
Allen Bonini, DNR
Deb Kozel, Legislative Services Agency
Shawn Richmond, IDALS, Division of Soil Conservation

Jerry Neppel, IDALS, Division of Soil Conservation
Mary J. Baker, IDALS, Division of Soil Conservation

Call to Order

The meeting of the Watershed Improvement Review Board (WIRB) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2013, by Chairperson Ballou.

Approval of Agenda

Move WIRB RFA after Treasurers Report
Delete item Final Report, 9c Tuttle Lake – The report was not submitted.

Motion 2013-251 *Moved by Coppess and seconded by Heathcote to approve the revised agenda and the motion was unanimously approved.*

Approve Minutes of June 10, 2013

Motion 2013-252 *Moved by Gullett and seconded by Hopkins to approve the June 10, 2013 meeting minutes and the motion was unanimously approved.*

Video Presentation and Discussion on Final Report for 9033-018 Camp Creek—Tom Hadden

(Weber arrived at 10:15 a.m.)

Tom Hadden, Growing Green Communities, and Mike Fairchild, Metro Waste Authority, presented the Camp Creek video and discussion on the final report. Growing Green Communities is a 501(c)(3) corporation and it

holds the easements for this project. Polk County Conservation will take responsibility of the easements if Growing Green Communities is dissolved.

(Weber left at 10:22 a.m.)

The Board wants to see water quality data on the watershed to see if there is measurable improvement. The Board encouraged Growing Green Communities to forward this data to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for use in the 305(b) report.

Progress Reports

Group 1

Project	Discussion
9010-007 Hawthorn Lake Watershed	
9018-011 Rathbun Lake Watershed	
9029-015 Otter Creek Watershed	The project should be completed in September and the applicant will follow-up with water monitoring.
1003-001 Williamson Pond Watershed	The project will end on December 31, 2013. They have experienced construction delays. There were two structures that had to be rebuilt.
1015-009 Indian Creek Watershed	The final report is on this agenda.
1022-013 Dry Run Creek	The applicant is in the construction phase.
1112-004 Price Creek Watershed	There is very little activity under WIRB because the applicant is utilizing other partner funding.
1119-008 Lake Icaria Watershed	The agreement was amended to increase costs for structure construction.
1206-004 Dry Run Creek	No activities are scheduled until next year.
1214-008 Clear Lake	WIRB contributed \$20,000 for the beach cleaner. The WIRB component is finished but is holding \$2,000 until the project is complete and the final report is approved.
1224-012 Competine Creek	The project is in really good shape.

Groups 2

Project	Discussion
9007-004 Upper Buffalo Creek Watershed	An amendment is on the agenda today.
9020-012 Fox River	
1004-002 Rathbun Lake Watershed	The project is going along well.
1011-006 Competine Creek	The project should be completed soon.

1016-010 Iowa Great Lake Targeted Watershed	The applicant is working on more urban practices.
1102-001 Twelve Mile Lake Watershed	The applicant may have to return funding from the land acquisition.
1113-005 Duck Creek Watershed	
1201-001 Sands Timber	This is a rock chute wetland practice.
1208-005 North Raccoon	There is new staff working on the project and Mississippi Initiative Basin money is available for this project. The agreement does not end until 2016.
1215-009IJ Muchakinock Creek	The applicant may send in an amendment to move funds from grade stabilization to terraces. The applicant may ask WIRB for more money if they can sell more terraces.
1228-013 Center Lake	An amendment request was submitted.

Group 3

Project	Discussion
9008-005 Hewitt Creek Watershed	The applicant did not submit a report.
9012-009 Little River Lake	The applicant expended \$0 funds from WIRB this period and \$18,100 total. They have installed 18 miles of terraces cumulatively.
9032-017 Miller Creek Watershed	
1012-007 Yellow River Headwaters	The applicant has spent \$42,500 overall in last six months and has EPA 319 funding.
1202-002 Upper Otter Creek	The applicant spent \$6,300 in WIRB funding and \$21,000 overall. They are leveraging the WIRB dollars.
1221-010 Rathbun Lake Watershed	The applicant did not submit a report.
1103-002 Rathbun Lake Watershed	
1114-006 Walnut Creek Watershed	The applicant has \$302,040 obligated or spent. They have installed 10 miles of terraces.
1202-002 Upper Otter Creek	The applicant spent \$19,000 of WIRB funds and \$26,500 overall.
1209-006 Waterloo Creek	The financial sheet is fine. The applicant spent or obligated \$20,000 of WIRB funding and \$31,000 in total project funds.

Group 4

Project	Discussion
9005-002 Silver Creek Watershed	

9009-006 Lost Creek Watershed

9014-010 Lytle Creek

The grinder pumps will be installed by this fall. The agreement ends September 30, 2013. The applicant did not submit ledger.

1014-008 Walnut Creek Watershed

1109-003 Coe Creek Watershed

1118-007 Lake Hendricks Watershed

1204-003 North Fork Maquoketa

1210-007 Central Park Lake

1223-015IJ Miller Creek Watershed

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Watershed Improvement Fund
Iowa Infrastructure Account (D81)
Revenue & Expenses -- Fiscal Year 2013 as of June 30, 2013

<u>Revenue Collected:</u>		
Intra State Transfers	SFY 2013	\$ 1,000,000.00
Animal Agriculture Compliance Fund Penalties	SFY 2013	\$ 74,053.29
Watershed Improvement Fund Refunds		\$ 498,110.27
6005-002 Farmers Creek	\$	14,279.33
6003-002 Upper Catfish Creek	\$	3,130.73
6033-015 Fox River	\$	19,065.46
7008-002 Yellow River	\$	8,059.42
7017-006 Little Clear Lake	\$	17,479.97
7020-008 Hurley Creek/McKinley Lake	\$	2,484.73
7021-008 Sand Creek	\$	25,972.00
7033-013 Dry Run Creek Sub-watershed	\$	377.18
7042-016 Kettle Creek Watershed	\$	65,790.00
8005-002 Silver Lake	\$	76,810.80
8011-007 Ludlow Creek	\$	15,565.92
8013-009 Muchaknock Creek Watershed	\$	37,873.04
8019-011 Staff and Beaver Creeks	\$	69,448.00
8024-014 Duck Creek	\$	38,983.00
8027-016 Compaine Creek	\$	70,243.00
9011-008 Walnut Creek Watershed	\$	29,576.51
1017-011 Tuttle Lake Watershed	\$	2,991.18
Interest		
June Interest	\$	1,200.03
July Interest		746.82
August Interest		903.47
September Interest		1,125.76
October Interest		1,377.66
November Interest		1,250.29
December Interest		1,386.74
January Interest		1,163.30
February Interest		1,186.34
March Interest		808.99
April Interest		1,211.65
May Interest		1,453.71
Total Interest		13,814.76
Total Revenue Collected from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.		1,685,978.32
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Intra State Transfers (Administrative Support in SFY 2013 originates from a different fund)		-
WIRB Per Diem and Expenses	3,537.95	
Funding Requests Approved by Board: (8-17-12, 11-2-12, 1-17-13, 2-8-13, 4-12-13, 5-10-13, 6-10-13)	2,027,323.17	
Total Expenditures from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013		2,030,861.12
Revenue minus Expenditures		\$ (444,882.80)
Fund Balance forward from FY 2012		\$ 3,909,633.38
Fund Balance forward as of June 30, 2013		\$ 3,464,750.58

**Watershed Improvement Fund
Iowa Infrastructure Account (D81)
Revenue & Expenses -- Fiscal Year 2013 as of June 30, 2013**

Revenue Collected:

Allocations and interest available less funds set aside for existing projects

Revenues

Appropriations

State Fiscal Years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2012

SFY 2013 \$ 1,000,000.00

Animal Agriculture Compliance Fund Penalties

SFY 2013 \$ 74,053.29

Interest Accrued

State Fiscal Years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012

\$1,300,572.17

SFY 2013 (to 6-30-13)

SFY 2013 \$13,814.76

Total Revenue Collected through June 30, 2013

\$27,388,440.22

Expenses and Funds Set Aside

Intra State Transfers (IDALS)

State Fiscal Years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010

\$260,000.00

WIRB Per Diem and expenses SFY 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012

\$6,689.64

WIRB Per Diem and expenses (paid by Treasurer)

SFY 2013 3,537.95

Subtotal

\$260,227.59

Funds Set Aside For Approved Projects

State Fiscal Years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2012

\$25,328,925.92

8/17/2012, 3/8/2013, 6/10/2013

SFY 2013 \$1,676,433.00

Subtotal

\$27,005,358.92

Total Expenses or Obligations

\$27,265,586.51

Funds Available as of June 30, 2013

\$122,853.71

**Watershed Improvement Fund
Revenue Bonds Capitals II Fund (DT4)
Revenue & Expenses
Fiscal Year 2013 as of June 30, 2013**

Revenue Collected:			
Appropriations	SFY13		\$ -
Watershed Improvement Fund Refunds			\$ 3,118.00
1003-001 Williamson Pond		\$ 3,118.00	
Total Revenue Collected from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013			3,118.00
Expenditures:			
Funding Requests Approved by Board			
8/17/2012 (1009-004 Lost Island Lake FINAL)	SFY13	\$ 18,000.00	
8/17/2012, 1/17/2013, 2/8/2013, 4-12-2013	SFY13	\$ 377,611.00	
Total Expenditures from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013			\$ 395,611.00
Revenue minus Expenditures			\$ (392,493.00)
Fund balance forward from SFY2012			\$ 921,305.00
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2013 (Treasurers Office)			\$ 528,812.00
Appropriations			
Appropriations	SFY11	\$ 2,000,000.00	
Total Funds Available			\$ 2,000,000.00
Expenses and Funds Set Aside			
Funds Set Aside For Approved Projects (7-23-2010 and 11-5-2010)	SFY11	\$ 1,620,762.00	
(8-17-2012, 3-8-2013 and 5-10-2013)	SFY13	\$ 230,203.00	
Total Expenses or Obligations			\$ 1,850,965.00
Funds Available as of June 30, 2013			\$ 149,035.00

Watershed Protection Fund (D70) Revenue & Expenses Fiscal Year 2013		
Revenue Collected:		
Appropriations		\$ 3,000,000.00
Watershed Improvement Fund Refunds	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenue Collected from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013		3,000,000.00
Expenditures:		
Intra State Transfers	-	
Pay Requests Approved by Board	-	
Total Expenditures from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013		-
Revenue minus Expenditures		\$ 3,000,000.00
Fund Balance forward from FY 2012		\$ -
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2013 (FY2013)		\$ 3,000,000.00

The Board discussed sending a thank-you letter to Senator Black and Representative Drake for their support and to develop printed materials on success stories of funded WIRB projects.

(Weber and Gillespie arrived at 11:28 a.m.)

Motion 2013-253 *Moved by Heathcote and seconded by Sweeting to approve the Treasurer's Report and the motion was unanimously approved.*

Two projects are requesting additional funds to complete more practices. A teleconference will be scheduled to review the amendments and the Board will fund projects with IJOBS funds to ensure these funds are spent by June 30, 2014.

Motion 2013-254 *Moved by Gillespie and seconded by Weber to approve authority for Neppel to move IJOBS funding to projects without prior Board approval and the motion was unanimously approved.*

(Heathcote left the meeting at 11:46 a.m.)

Upper Buffalo Creek (\$45,000) and Twelve Mile Lake Project (+\$7,000) will voluntarily release unused funds back to WIRB.

Presentation—Water Quality Initiative—Shawn Richmond

Water Quality Initiative Implementation and Request for Applications. The RFA announcement will be published on the IDALS website and in newspapers. WIRB can fund projects throughout Iowa instead of staying within the HUC 8 priority watersheds as previously communicated.

WIRB RFA

The revised Administrative Rules are out for public comment but the RFA cannot be opened until the Administrative Rules are finalized and published. Applicants can apply with or without linkage to the Water Quality Implementation. Neppel reviewed the RFA changes with the Board. October 15, 2013 is the due date for the RFA submission and the Board will review the applications on November 8, 2013.

(Heathcote returned to the meeting at 1:19 p.m.)

Funding Requests – Check Funding Request Forms

Project	Requested Amount	Funded Amount	Discussion
9005-002 Silver Creek Watershed	\$70,400.00	\$33,845.00	
9007-004 Upper Buffalo Creek Watershed	\$54,880.00	\$54,880.00	The applicant has a pending amendment request.
9009-006 Lost Creek Watershed	\$44,580.00	\$0	The applicant is currently at 90% and has not submitted a final report.
9010-007 Hawthorn Lake Watershed	\$6,250.00	\$6,250.00	
9018-001 Rathbun Lake Watershed	\$78,500.00	\$78,500.00	The applicant has a pending amendment request.
9020-012 Fox River	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	

Motion 2013-255 *Moved by Weber and seconded by Hopkins to approve the above funding requests for the amount listed and the motion was unanimously approved.*

Project	Requested Amount	Funded Amount	Discussion
1012-007 Yellow River Headwaters	\$43,332.00	\$43,332.00	
1015-009 Indian Creek Watershed	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00	Pending approval of the final report.
1016-010 Iowa Great Lakes Targeted Watershed	\$46,000.00	\$29,150.00	

Motion 2013-256 *Moved by Gillespie and seconded by Hopkins to approve the above funding requests for the amount listed and the motion was unanimously approved.*

Project	Requested Amount	Funded Amount	Discussion
1202-002 Upper Otter Creek	\$23,250.00	\$23,250.00	
1204-003 North Fork Maquoketa	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	
1209-006 Waterloo Creek Watershed	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	
1214-008 Clear Lake	\$12,000.00	\$0	No final report submitted.
1215-009IJ Muchakinoch Creek Watershed	\$47,738.00	\$39,869.00	The original request exceeds the 10% rule.
1221-010 Rathbun Lake Watershed	\$48,195.00	\$0	No progress report submitted.
1223-011 South Chequest Creek	\$19,317.87	\$19,317.87	
1224-012 Competine Creek Watershed	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	
1231-014 Twelve Mile Lake Watershed	\$43,750.00	\$43,750.00	
1233-015IJ Miller Creek Watershed	\$39,200.00	\$33,293.00	The original request exceeds the 10% rule.
1234-016 Honey Lindsey Dry Run Creeks Watersheds	\$50,000.00	\$25,000.00	
1240-017 Little Bear Creek Watershed	\$26,131.00	\$26,131.00	
1241-018IJ Swan Lake Watershed	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	
1243-020 Fox River Watershed	\$34,382.62	\$34,382.62	
1245-021IJ West Tarkio River	\$52,500.00	\$47,250.00	The original request exceeds the 10% rule.

Motion 2013-257 *Moved by Hopkins and seconded by Weber to approve the above funding requests for the amount listed and the motion was unanimously approved.*

Amendment Request

Project Name	Discussion
9007-004 Upper Buffalo Creek	The applicant requests to transfer \$10,000 to cover crop and revert back \$35,000.
9018-011 Rathbun Lake	The applicant requests to transfer funds from technical assistance, sediment basins and grassed waterways to put in more terraces.

Project Name**Discussion**

1228-013
Center Lake

The applicant is shifting practices to lower cost practices. The environmental practices will remain the same.

Motion 2013-258 *Moved by Gullet and seconded by Walters to approve the amendment requests and the motion was unanimously approved.*

Final Report**Project Name****Discussion**

9033-018
Camp Creek Watershed

Hadden provided details on the easements before the video presentation today.

1015-009
Indian Creek Watershed

The applicant requested \$3,300 through a funding request.

1109-003
Coe Creek Watershed

The applicant reported high nitrate levels in the water supply.

1118-007
Lake Hendricks Watershed

Can the applicant show the overall phosphorus concentration before and after the practices? Will the results of this project assist in removing the lake from the impaired waters list?

Motion 2013-259 *Moved by Weber and seconded by Heathcote to approve the final reports and the motion was unanimously approved.*

1019-012 Des Moines Middle (City of Luther) discussion

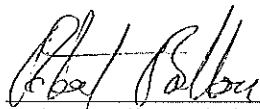
The City of Luther cancelled the agreement with WIRB.

Date of Next Meeting

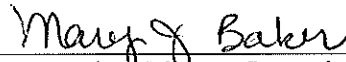
Late September – teleconference to discuss IJOBS
November 8, 2013 (RFA selection)

Adjournment

Motion 2013-260 *Moved by Weber and seconded by Hopkins to adjourn the meeting at 2:56 p.m. and the motion was unanimously approved.*



Robert Ballou, Chair
Watershed Improvement Review Board



Mary J. Baker, Minutes Recorder for the
Watershed Improvement Review Board

